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Dear Paul,

Thanks for the enclosures with your 4/2. The article on Shaw is in some respects factually incorrect, as with Russo, who did like girls. Like much else I was able to develop in New Orleans and not carry as far as I'd have liked, he was also friends with a friend of Phillip Geraci III's.a friend through who I got to his parents and was able to interview them. and later Geraci.

You and I read Davis' words extracting different meaning and intent. I do not think that even charity can yield your interpretation. And I'm not rereading them to improve my recollection.

I read and annotated his book and Scheim's when - was asked to. This means I read them more slowly and with greater care. After reading Davis' iwas convinced that the book he gave McGraw-Hill is not the book they contracted and that he added the assassination nonsense to what was to have been and could have been a good mafia/Marcello book and instead is stale drek.

Davis can tell you he intends to make corrections in his paperback but I am satisfied he has no such intentions. When I wrote him and got no response I wrote his editor a letter from whom he'd used to intorduce himself to me. Months ago. She said she'd take it up with him and I've heard nothing from either since.

What he could have meant by "Weisberg's files" is pretty limited to the one place in the entire world where they are all at one point and accessible. And he is the only one whom, if I remember the word correctly, rummaged through them for sox long a period of time, via a student he'd hired. He was not happy, I suppose, because by. Wasserman correspondence made it clear that Ferrie was not Marcello's employee but Wasserman's. These are the missing letters here.

I agree with you that although the Sumner report on its face lacks credibility (which you did not say) it is hard to believe that the FBI went no farthur with it. I'm sure they got enough to cover themselves and that the greater likelihood is that the report did not stack. I do not think Davis wanted that kind of info. Too many people have a theory and prefer it to risking confronting it with fact. Davis especially.On his part Scheim's thery was so weak in his own mind he saw to it that he didn't even learn such basic things as the geography of Dealey Plaza and the official accounting of the wounds. The less they know the less they are troubled and the more they love their sick theories. (Schein's publishery, by the way, reprinted Davis' Guggenheim book.)

I'm sure there is nothing more in either my files or the Dallas main files on the Sumner business because Davis' student examined the index carefully and located and sent him everything in it. (I kept no copies and didn't look at what he got.) I asked her to leave her records of the index search for others who might have similar interests in the future but haven't checked to see if she did.

Strange thing about Gandolfo and the Garrison book, which seems to have died a quiet death. I've not heard a word about it. Ted was in touch with me long and often and kept telling me tha the book was coming, etc., finally that Garrison was sending him 20 copies, one of which was for me. Then there were explanations for my not getting it, with aplogies, then accounts of his appearance with Jim in N.O. and then excited accounts of what he'd arranged for Jim when he went to New York for a press conference from which, Ted assured me Jim would phone me, and then silence. Complete and total and so peaceful. Then I was sent a copy of the book and asked to annotate it also, and I saw immediately that Garrison would not want me to read it, particularly not if anyone were to ask my opinion of it, You may or may not know the actuallities of some of the incidents in it and I may or may not then have been able to inform you of them wheile in progress or thereafter but they are not at all as he tells them...On Ranftel only he and thoe others who brought him had the opportunitytx to steal whwt is missing. They had no interest or they'd have borrowed them when I offered to lend them. Thanks and best to you all, Harold

Harold